

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

SOBER DAY USA

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Monday in May has been designated as Sober Day USA, A day of Awareness in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, across the country, alcohol and drug dependency is a major public health problem that affects Americans from all communities and of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking cost the citizens of North Carolina \$1.2 billion in medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence and are two and a half times more likely to become abusers of alcohol than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, seven in 10 of all North Carolina students, grades 9-12, admit to having at least one or more drinks of alcohol in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, this disease needs to have the stigma associated with it removed through increased awareness, education and discussion; and

WHEREAS, drug and alcohol dependency is a treatable disease, and seeking advanced treatment methods through medical research and other promising areas of discovery will be beneficial in the fight against it; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we work together to support events such as Sober Day USA, A Day of Awareness in North Carolina, in a concerted effort to raise awareness and encourage an open and honest dialogue about this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2007, as a "SOBER DAY USA" in North Carolina and commend this observance to all citizens.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Raleigh, North Carolina, on this twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.